STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

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RESOLUTION NO. R3-2002-0094

Amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Coast Region to include a revised and updated Surveillance, Monitoring, and Assessment Chapter (Chapter 6)

And requesting approval from the State Water Resources Control Board

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Regional Board) finds:

- 1. **WHEREAS**, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan, Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan), on September 8, 1994;
- 2. The Regional Board periodically revises and amends the Basin Plan; and
- 3. The proposed amendment to the Basin Plan was developed in accordance with section 13240 et seq. of the California Water Code, and the Regional Board considered the appropriate factors identified therein:
- 4. The amendment will be replace the existing Surveillance and Monitoring Chapter of the Basin Plan;
- 5. The Basin Plan amendment incorporating a revised and updated Surveillance and Monitoring Chapter must be submitted for review and approval by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), the State Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and the USEPA. The Basin Plan amendment will become effective upon approval by OAL and USEPA. A Notice of Decision will be filed;
- 6. The amendment meets the "Necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code §11353(b); and
- 7. The basin planning process has been certified as functionally equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act requirements for preparing environmental documents (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and as such, the required environmental documentation and CEQA environmental checklist have been prepared; and
- 8. Drafts of the Notice of Filing, staff report, environmental checklist, and proposed amendment have been prepared and distributed to interested persons and agencies for review and comment; and
- 9. Notice of public hearing was given by advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the Region; and
- 10. On December 6, 2002 in San Luis Obispo, California, the Regional Board held a public hearing and heard and considered all public testimony; and

- 11. The proposed amendments to the Water Quality Plan were developed in accordance with Water Code Section 13240 et seg.; and
- 12. The amendment results in no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

- 1. Pursuant to sections 13240 and 13241 of the California Water Code, the Regional Board, after considering the entire record, including oral testimony, adopts the Basin Plan amendment shown in "Attachment B Proposed Basin Plan Amendment". The amendment will not take effect until approved by the State Board, the Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2. The Board's Executive Officer is authorized to submit the amendment to the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with the requirements of section 13245 of the California Water Code.
- 3. The Regional Board requests that the State Water Resources Control Board approve the Basin Plan amendment in accordance with the requirements of sections 13245 and 13246 of the California Water Code, and that upon approval, the State Board is requested to transmit the amendment to the California Office of Administrative Law and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.
- 4. That the environmental document prepared by Regional Board staff pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21080.5 is hereby certified. Following approval of the revised Basin Plan by the State Board, the State Board shall file a Notice of Decision with the State Clearinghouse.
- 5. That the Board's Executive Officer is authorized to sign a Certificate of Fee Exemption, since no adverse effect on wildlife results in a "De Minimus" impact finding.
- 6. That if during approval process the State Board or OAL determines that minor, non-substantive corrections to the language of the amendment are needed for clarity or consistency, the Executive Officer may make such changes, and shall inform the Board of any such changes.
- **I, ROGER W. BRIGGS, Executive Officer,** do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coastal Region, on December 6, 2002.

Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer